

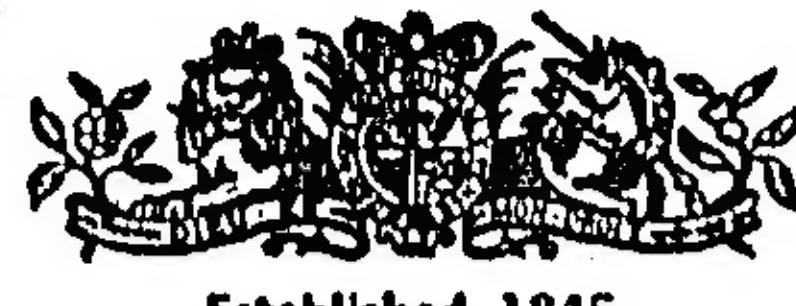


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CHOU EN-LAI'S SUCCESS

CHOU En-lai's mission to India has been widely interpreted as a failure. But surely it is not. For Chou, it was a resounding success. China has marched into Indian territory, taken more than it needed, offered to return what it did not want and refused to budge from what it has stolen by downright aggression. And Chou has now left India with a promise from Nehru that there will be no war.

Indian officials will probably deny that China's claims to Indian territory have been accepted and may point out that the border issue is still to be discussed by specially appointed committees. But surely there is no further chance of retrieving what China has taken. The time for a gesture by Chou is now. He came to India to make peace—but he did so without giving up the territory his troops invaded. And if Nehru cannot get it back, what chance has a committee of minor officials of doing so?

THERE must be widespread disappointment in India at the way Nehru backed down. Before Chou came both Nehru and Krishna Menon made it clear that India was not going to be kicked around by any nation. Defence plans were drawn up. The country was warned that a border war was possible and that reverses were initially likely. This was plainly meaningless and intended to be no more than a sop to the critics of Nehru's pacifism.

What is worse is that by failing to settle the dispute Nehru leaves the way open for his rapacious neighbour to make fresh sallies across the border to seize whatever land it wants. It is the principle of China's resort to force that is so monstrous. Where is the security if this is the basis on which international disputes are settled? And how can two nations hope to co-exist peacefully when flagrant land-grabbing like this occurs?

WHAT Nehru should have insisted on was the restoration of all territory taken by China pending joint talks on a new border to replace the McMahon line. Failing this Chinese troops would face eviction by force. This surely was an obvious starting point. By refusing to take a tougher line with Chou, Nehru has done a disservice to China's other Asian neighbours whose borders are now liable to sudden readjustment based on any historical claims China cares to put forward. And Nehru's pathetic attempt at diplomacy shows that the distinguished reputation he enjoys as a statesman will have to be seriously revised.

Vice-President and family shot by son

Seoul, Apr. 28.

The adopted army-lieutenant son of President Syngman Rhee killed his real father, Vice-President Elect Lee Ki-Pong, his mother and younger brother and then committed suicide today.

Takes control in S. Korea



Latest picture of Mr. Huh Chong, newly appointed Foreign Minister of South Korea. He is considered a possible candidate for Presidency.—AP Photo.

Martial Law Commander Lt.-Gen. Song Yo Chan announced that army 2nd Lieutenant Kang Suk, 23, killed his father, his mother, Maria Pak Lee, and his younger brother, Kang Wook, and then shot himself. The murder-suicide occurred in an annex to President Rhee's Kyung Mu-Dae mansion where the Assembly speaker and Vice-President Elect had taken refuge with his family from violent anti-government demonstrations.

Shot in head

Officials who conducted a joint investigation said Kang Suk used a .45 calibre pistol. He fired one shot each into the head of father, mother and brother. Then, after apparently confirming they were dead, he fired one shot into his stomach and another into his head. The bodies were found in a small room. The body of Lee, his wife and the younger son were found sitting on a couch with their heads against the head rest. Kang Suk's body was lying just in front of the couch. Five empty .45 calibre cartridges were near the elder son's body.

Kang Suk was dressed in his military uniform with the insignia of a second lieutenant. On Lee Ki-pong's lap were copies of the Tuesday afternoon newspapers which had demanded Rhee's resignation. Student demonstrators had vowed to kill Lee for his sponsorship of police brutality and the rigging of the March 15 presidential elections.

Large crowd

UPI correspondent Charles R. Smith reported by radio telephone from the gate of Kung Mu-Dae that a large crowd was gathering there.

The official state radio reported that an autopsy was performed on the bodies at the mansion annex and then they were moved to the ROK Army hospital near Seoul's war-ravaged Capitol Building.

A UPI correspondent said news swept through the Assembly building, where members had gathered to accept President Rhee's resignation, and there was widespread shock.

Some Liberal party members broke down in tears. Others rushed to Kyung Mu-Dae, hoping to see the bodies. Lee was the No. 2 man in the Liberal Party, which was headed by President Rhee, himself.

Precautions

According to reports, bodyguards for the Lee family had been worried particularly since yesterday, when the Lees became desperate.

Guards took special precautions to avoid suicide. But the family evaded them this morning and carried out the murder-suicide pact at 5.40 a.m.

Because President Rhee and his Austrian wife had no children of their own, they adopted Lee's son in March, 1957, on Rhee's 82nd birthday. This is a normal custom in the Orient for families which have no male heir, but political sources believed at that time it was an adoption of political expediency. The adoption was proposed by Lee himself. It was to show the public that Lee was the president's heir-apparent.

Sources said President Rhee had not seen Lee in "the past few days" even though he had been living in the compound of the Presidential Mansion. Other sources said President Rhee had not been aware of the shooting until he was informed.

They said the President had not eaten very much since April 19 when anti-government riots in Seoul killed at least 138 persons, most of them students.—UPI.

Saved from the jaws of death

Port Moresby, Apr. 27.

Three natives rescued a woman from the jaws of a giant crocodile which dragged her from a canoe near here yesterday.

She was rushed by air to Port Moresby hospital and admitted in critical condition.

The crocodile is believed to be the same one which three weeks ago sank an outrigger canoe and carried off a 15-year-old girl.

Mr Neville A'Hern, manager of a nearby plantation, said the crocodile had lunged into the canoe and grabbed the woman from behind.

He said, "The front half of its body was inside the canoe. As it fell back into the water three men held the woman while a fourth struck it with a paddle until it let go of her."

Mr A'Hern said the lower half of the woman had been badly mauled and she was suffering from severe shock. Natives applied first aid.

A professional crocodile shooter has been called in to hunt the killer. — China Mail Special.



A recent picture of President Syngman Rhee, his wife and adopted son.

Now-flare-up over Dutch New Guinea

Djakarta, Apr. 27.

Senior Indonesian officials reacted angrily tonight to reports of Dutch plans to send sea, land, and air force reinforcements to the disputed West New Guinea territory.

Officials, who declined to be identified, said they considered the Dutch move "highly provocative." They said they felt if the Dutch carried out the proposed plans the situation would be "wrought with ramifications of a serious nature."

SERVICES MEET

Earlier today the Indonesian joint defence council, comprising Chiefs of Staff of the army, navy and air force, met reportedly to discuss latest developments around West New Guinea. Indonesia claims the territory and has declared that until this is returned to her, normal relations with the Dutch are impossible.

Dutch land, sea and air reinforcements are being sent to Dutch New Guinea in a "show the flag" demonstration against Indonesia's designs on that jungle territory.

CONSPIRITS

Today's statement by the Dutch Government said that in addition to an aircraft carrier and two destroyers, jet fighters would be stationed in New Guinea and the defence of airfields would be strengthened with light anti-aircraft artillery.

The statement added that the government had decided to improve air reconnaissance and increase the ground forces. The Dutch Army said conscripts would be sent to New Guinea for about 12 months. Officials and NCO's would stay for longer periods of up to three years.

An official spokesman said the forces would leave "very soon" to reinforce the garrison of West New Guinea which, according to unofficial estimates, at present consists of about 1,000 marines and a few hundred artillerymen. There are also reported to be about 500 men on board two frigates and a destroyer in the area.

ALLEGATIONS

Today's moves follow strong allegations in the Dutch Parliament and press that the defence of the territory was inadequate. The independent newspaper De Telegraaf has predicted that 1960 will be "crisis year" for New Guinea.

The Dutch part of New Guinea has been a source of bitter dispute between Indonesia and the Netherlands ever since the Dutch gave their former East Indies colonies independence in 1949.

The Indonesians claim the area was included in the settlement and have complained to the United Nations, several times without success. At times they have threatened invasion. Recently Indonesia bought jet planes from the Communist bloc.

The Dutch say the island's 700,000 people, many of them savages living in the most primitive conditions, have no desire to belong to Indonesia and not enough knowledge of the modern world to govern themselves.—AP.

Two killed in plane crash

New York, Apr. 27.

Dr August Raspet, one of the world's foremost acrophysicists, and an aircraft company representative were killed today in the crash of a light plane at the Mississippi State University airport.

Dr Raspet, 40, and L. L. Myers of Chance-Vought Aircraft Co. apparently were killed instantly.—UPI.

Almost an inch of rain this morning

Hongkong had a break from her prolonged dry spell when almost an inch of rain fell this morning.

The rain began falling in some parts of the Colony soon after 6 a.m.

However, there would be little further relief in the next few days when "we could expect a few pinches of light rain only," said a spokesman of the Royal Observatory.

The main downpour occurred around 9.45 a.m. Although 91 of an inch was recorded bringing the total this year to 4.89 inches, the figure is still six inches short of the average.

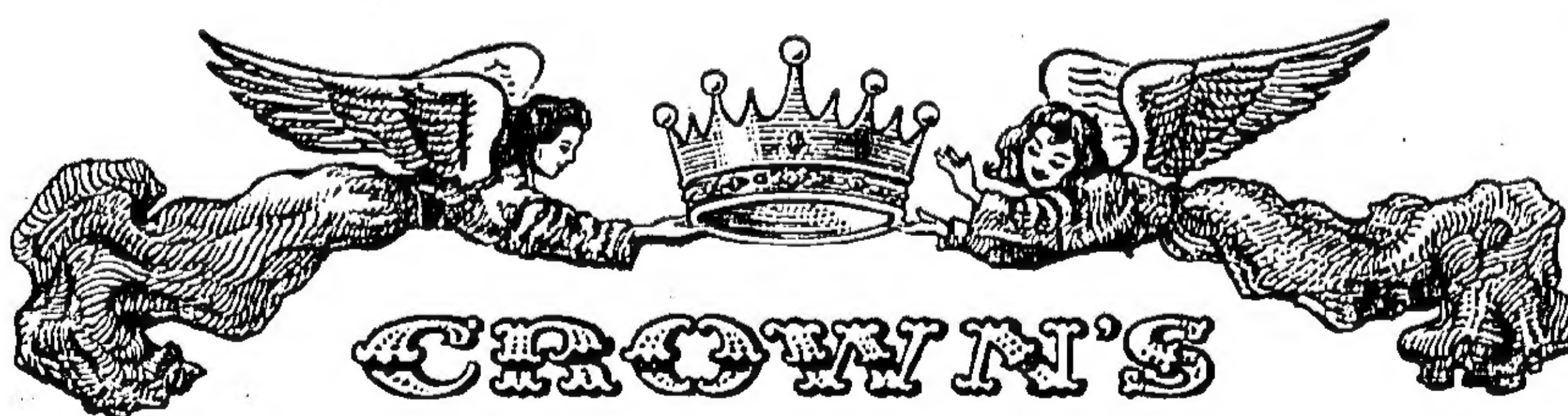
TAPERS OFF

The normal rainfall towards the end of April each year should be 10.77 inches. The downpour tapered off at 10 a.m.

The rainfall this morning was brought about by a cold front which passed across the Colony in a southerly direction, bringing the temperature down to 79 degrees compared with 82 yesterday.

The Weather Bureau predicted it will be cloudy in the next few days with a few patches of light rain only.

"But it will be cooler with the temperature going down to around 70."



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UK missile programme attacked

LONDON MURDER CASE SURPRISE

London, Apr. 27. Two of three men charged with a mysterious London gang murder "in the twilight of the underworld" are to be set free because of lack of evidence, it was announced today.

The prosecution told the judge at the Old Bailey, Central Criminal Court, that it proposed to offer no evidence against John Reed, 28, and Joseph Pyle, 25, when their second trial opens on Monday.

Proceedings will continue only against the third man, James Nash, 28, charged with the murder of Selwyn Connery, 30, a night club owner, shot dead in February at another club in the London East End.

WITNESS MISSING

A key witness in the prosecution case has been missing for six weeks. Other witnesses have been given police protection and the first trial of the three men was stopped after two days on Monday the judge announcing that he had received "certain information" making it impossible to continue before the existing jury.

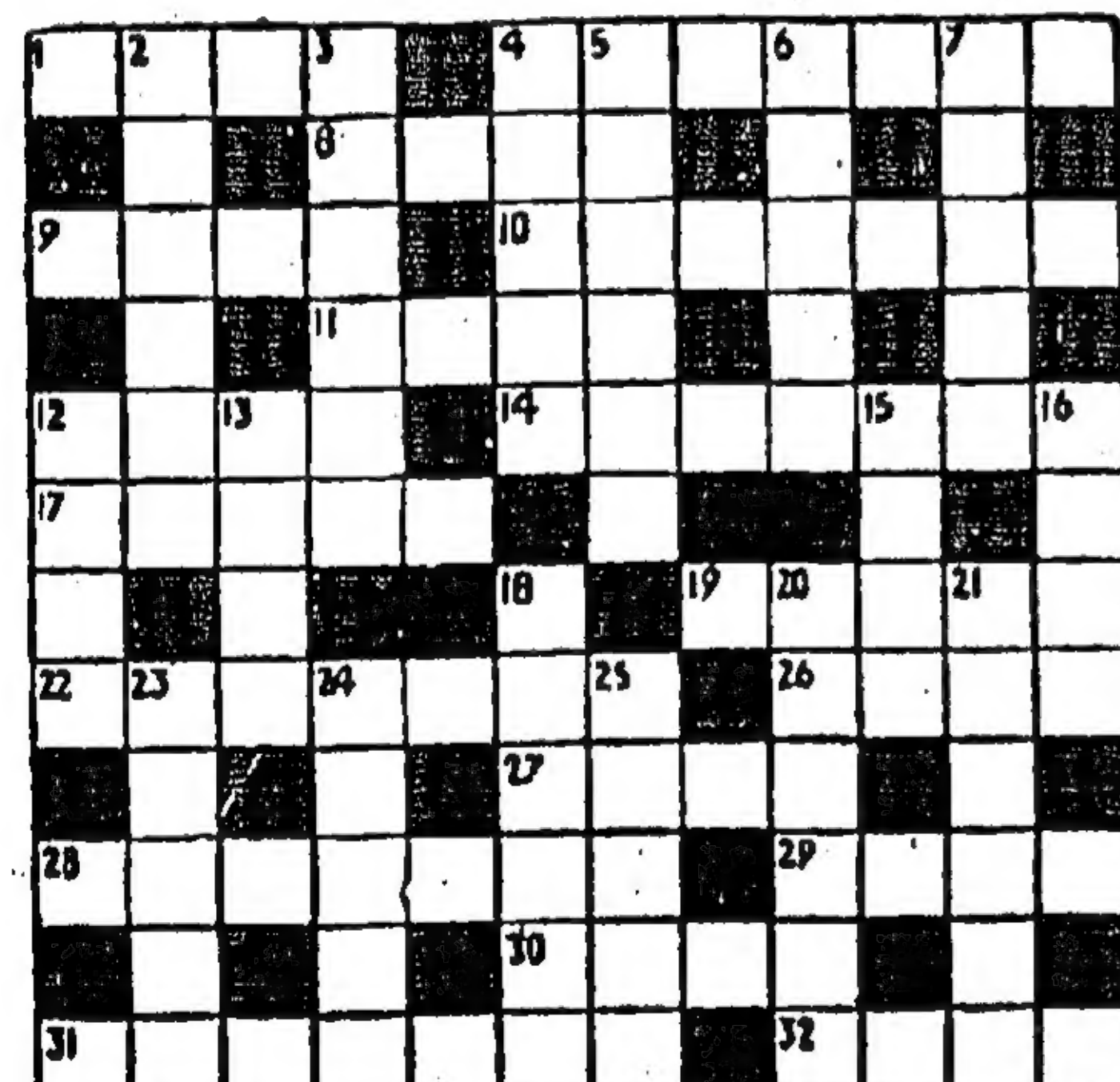
All three men pleaded not guilty of capital murder. Read and Pyle also pleaded not guilty of a second charge of being accessories after the fact. —China Mail Special.

Labour MPs oppose tunnel

London, Apr. 27. Forty Labour MPs have signed a motion, opposing a tunnel across the English Channel to France, it was announced today.

Their motion called on the Government not to sanction the tunnel or a channel bridge "until a satisfactory list of priorities for capital expenditure is in operation which gives urgent priority to the housing needs of the people, the construction of hospitals, schools, health centres, transport facilities and roads." —Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Anyhow, she has some money. (4)
 - He can do a good turn on a suitable pitch. (7)
 - GI—departed. (4)
 - Cause some commotion in July. (4)
 - Name one can use for a flower. (7)
 - Royal cipher in a divided land. (4)
 - For cylindrical travel in London? (4)
 - As far as possible? (7)
 - A musical exercise for study in France. (6)
 - Am a fool, it seems, to hoard. (5)
 - Sunday nearly over? That's a blow! (7)
 - Broadest in semitones. (4)
 - Horny colour. (4)
 - He proposes a track around the Poles. (7)
 - As it is called. (4)
 - Kitchen entrances? (7)
 - Conry listeners. (4)
- DOWN**
- At home with the bowling apparently. (3, 3)
 - One unseemly desire? Yes! (6)
 - No speedster. (5)
 - Flag. (6)
 - Called. (5)
 - County town in Ireland. (5)
 - As an expression it's the limit! (4)
 - Set the stream on fire. (4)
 - Made up cheese. (4)
 - Experimental river? (4)
 - Gloomy Dr Flower. (6)
 - Establishment: wherein men grow old. (6)
 - Power for a photographer. (6)
 - Artist or writer. (6)
 - Spaniard. (6)
 - The standards of no mail boat? (6)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Ore-gon(o), 5 Petty, 8 Ma-or-I, 9 Eyelet, 10 Older, 11 Nurse, 12 Arts, 13 Pearl, 16 Flag-end, 18 Ocular, 20 Ten-or, 22 Line, 23 Limbo, 26 Igloo, 28 Larged, 29 Nudes, 30 Peppy, 29 Slupor. Down: 1 Opera-hat, 2 Elect-ion, 3 O-mith, 4 Natural, 5 Prosper, 6 Eileen, 7 Their, 14 Adding up, 15 Lavender, 18 Fur-I.O.U.S., 17 Gambles, 19 Colony, 21 Eagle, 24 (1)Oast.

LABOUR CENSURE MOTION FAILS

London, Apr. 27. Britain would consider inviting other Commonwealth and European countries to take part in a joint space programme if she decided to use the Blue Streak long range rocket for space research, Mr Duncan Sandys, Minister of Aviation said tonight.

He told the House of Commons this at the end of a debate in which the Labour opposition sought to censure him for spending £65 million on Blue Streak, which has now been declared to be of no military value.

Mr Harold Wilson, one of the Labour leaders, called on Mr Sandys to "apologise and resign" over this "monstrous waste of public money."

Defeated

But the House defeated the opposition motion by 305 votes to 225—a government majority of 80.

Mr Harold Wilson, Minister of Defence, said a programme of progressively fitting the U.S. Skybolt to the Mark Two British V-bombers was being worked out in conjunction with the United States authorities.

Mr Watkinson said: "We have only recently settled a production programme for British-made nuclear warheads of advanced design for some years ahead."

"The government has, therefore, no intention of abandoning their independent contribution to the deterrent power of the West."

The Government announced recently it was scrapping Blue Streak for military purposes because increasing accuracy of Soviet weapons made fixed-site missiles in Britain too vulnerable. It was considering whether Blue Streak could be used to launch a space satellite.

The Blue Streak programme has cost £65 million so far. Mr Watkinson said today it would eventually have cost about £500 million.

Mr George Brown, Labour's defence spokesman, said Ministers, particularly Mr Sandys, when Minister of Defence, had made "a blunder of unprecedented size." The opposition was not criticising them for making mistakes but for persisting in them "against all the evidence."

Right from 1957, Labour members had argued against the

SOLDIERS KILLED IN NEW LAR TREMOR

Shiraz, Apr. 27. A new tremor shook the ruins of Lar today but caused no casualties in the evacuated town.

It was the third tremor in the past 24 hours. It is reported here that five Iranian soldiers were killed yesterday when ruins collapsed while they searched for victims.

The Iranian Air force is continuing to ferry food to the stricken town.

Captain Allan Mills, a pilot for the Iranian Red Lion and Sun Society (Red Cross) said today:

"The emergency is over and all the seriously injured have been evacuated. Refugees are still streaming into Shiraz from the earthquake area."

Mills, was the first pilot to land at Lar after the earthquake and made a dangerous after dark landing at Shiraz the next night to bring back the first group of badly injured survivors.

Since then he has been working all the daylight hours ferrying casualties to Shiraz and deciding to Lar.

Relief workers said that Iranian troops had been firing warning shots to prevent people from stealing bread as it was dropped over Lar airstrip.—Reuter.

British trawlermen ready to fight foreign landings

Grimsby, Apr. 27. British trawlermen will fight to stop all foreign trawlers landing fish in this country, Captain Dennis Welch, President of the Grimsby Trawler Officers' Guild, said here today.

Soviet sub fleet ratio

Groton, Apr. 27. Russia's submarine fleet is four times the size of the present United States fleet and eight times larger than Hitler's 1939 U-boat force, Vice-Admiral Edmund B. Taylor, commander of the US Navy's Atlantic anti-submarine fleet, said here today.

Admiral Taylor was speaking at the launching of the Tullibee, the first nuclear-powered submarine. The Tullibee, 273-foot long, 2,600 tons, has sonar tracking "ears."

Latest development in the navy's anti-submarine programme. She is to carry a crew of six officers and 50 ratings.

Admiral Taylor said, "The hard-won freedoms of mankind are threatened, threatened by a tyranny which seeks in many and devious ways to enslave the world, while preaching peace, this tyranny has built up around itself a wall of armed might." —Reuter.

Casey leaves for Britain

Sydney, Apr. 27. Lord Casey, former Australian External Affairs Minister, left by air today to take his seat in the House of Lords.

Before he left he told pressmen: "I am an Australian and I will continue to be an Australian."

"I will continue to live in Australia, not in England."

Lord Casey said he would be known as Lord Casey of Berwick. (Lord Casey's home is in the shire of Berwick, Victoria).

He said he had settled the matter in correspondence with the Queen's King of Arms, Sir George Bellow. —China Mail Special.

Tony's former charwoman invited to wedding

London, Apr. 27. A jolly cockney woman who did Mr Tony Armstrong-Jones' cleaning for him when he was a photographer has been invited to his wedding to Princess Margaret on May 6.

Mrs Betty Peabody, 50, who lives with her train-driver husband Ted in a tiny terrace house in the Belgrave district of South-west London kept her invitation secret for two weeks.

The Daily Mail describes Mrs Peabody as the jolly sort of cockney who talks to all the children who play outside her door.

Mrs Peabody a grandmother said of her former employer: "I was happy with him. He is a really lovely person." —China Mail Special.

'GOLDEN HANDSHAKE' BECOMES FROZEN MIT

London, Apr. 27. Compensation paid to company directors and others for loss of office — popularly known as "the golden handshake" — will be taxed when it exceeds £3,000, under the Government's Finance Bill, published here.

The Bill put into statutory form the proposals announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Derek Heathcoat-Amory, in his Budget speech on April 4.

Up to £3,000 the "golden handshake" — often given to directors after a successful takeover bid has made their office redundant — will be free of tax. But the balance of any payment in excess of this will be charged as taxable income.

This will apply also to compensation for loss of office awarded by a court as damages for wrongful dismissal or as a result of a settlement out of court. —Reuter.

Beef V. grass

Salt Lake City, Apr. 27. A carnivorous American disc jockey, dressed in a British Guards uniform, struck out today in hopes of keeping up with English vegetation Dr. Barbara Moore on a part of her walk across the United States.

Will Lucas switched from music to hiking purportedly to prove that beef is as substantial a fare for a hiker as are grass and vegetables.

The walking disc jockey, whose costume included a Guards' bearskin hat, a top hat, and a monocle, was seen by three employees of a sponsoring meat company — dressed in English Beefeater costumes — to pass out barbecued beef to anyone who happens to be handy.

PRIZES

Meanwhile, radio station KALL, Lucas' employer, will be taking calls from listeners, estimating Dr Moore's time of arrival in Salt Lake City. The prizes — four quarts of celery juice, four quarts of carrot juice, wheat germ, yogurt, shoes and so on, and of course, meat.

At one point during the trip Lucas' sponsor will haul out a dining table, complete with candelabra and wine glasses and the hiking disc jockey can dig into a juicy steak.

Dr Moore is basing her claims of long life and stamina on her diet of grass, juices and other vegetable matter. —AP.

Anti-Makarios editor still missing

Nicosia, Apr. 27. The anti-Makarios newspaper Ethniki, whose editor was kidnapped on Sunday night, is to suspend publication temporarily because it was alleged that they have been threatened with being blown up, the editorial board announced tonight.

There was still no news tonight of the fate of the editor, Mr Antonis Phaedrakides, who vanished from his home leaving evidence of a struggle.

The board said efforts were being made to resume publication of Ethniki, which is controlled by the eminent QC Mr John Clerides, leader of the Democratic Union Party, who opposed Archbishop Makarios in the presidential election.

Mr Clerides said he was negotiating with a new printing firm. He added that if there was no news of the editor by Saturday, the trade unions would call a strike on Monday.

If there was bad news of his fate, the unions would call an immediate strike, he said. —Reuter.

Eire budget

Dublin, Apr. 27. Finance Minister Dr James Ryan today introduced a record £140 million budget which increased tobacco prices but relieved cinemas and theatres of part of the tax burden.

Dr Ryan placed one penny extra tax on the price of a packet of 20 cigarettes. In a virtual stand-still budget, he offset the tobacco tax with a number of minor reliefs, including a cut in entertainment tax. —UPI.

SNOW FALLS IN EUROPE

London, Apr. 27. Snow fell in Europe overnight, even on the Italian Riviera. Reuter reports have this weather picture:

● ROME: Snow fell on the north Italian mountains and frost damaged orchards in the Tronto area.

● PARIS: France has a sudden cold wave with snow in the east and frost damage to some of the vines of Burgundy.

● BERNE: Snow fell in much of central and western Switzerland.

● BRUSSELS: More than 1½ inches of snow covered the east Belgian highlands.

● BONN: Snow showers were reported today from each part of West Germany.

● STOCKHOLM: Sweden had an unexpected snowfall today.

● VIENNA: Frost and snow reported from western Austria.

● COPENHAGEN: Frost hit the island of Bornholm. Denmark has a drought and use of water for car-washing and garden-watering is banned in Copenhagen from tomorrow.

● LONDON: Britain had a typical spring day today of bright sunshine and scattered showers. —Reuter.

Police swoop on students

Tokyo, Apr. 27. Police here today raided the offices of the National Federation of Students Self-Government Associations (Zengakuren) following demonstrations yesterday against the United States - Japan security treaty.

The raid was the second this week. Police said they searched the Zengakuren offices on the suspicion that the demonstrations violated the metropolitan public security ordinance.

About 50,000 persons took part in the demonstrations outside the Japanese Diet building yesterday. Inside the Diet today the discussions on the treaty dragged on.

The Opposition hope to delay ratification if they cannot defeat the treaty.

The ruling Liberal Democrats want the treaty ratified before this session ends on May 26.

The Government would like to tell President Eisenhower when he arrives here on June 22 the revised treaty was approved. —Reuter.

AMERICAN BOOKIES RAIDED

Washington, Apr. 27. Special U.S. tax agents raided bookmaking establishments and other gambling haunts in 51 cities and 23 states today.

The Internal Revenue Service said more than 80 separate establishments were hit by special agents of its Intelligence Division.

Arrests were made on charges of failure to buy the Federal \$50 annual gambling stamp. Conviction of this charge can result in a \$10,000 fine and five years imprisonment.

The nationwide move was centrally co-ordinated and extended from Massachusetts to Florida and Virginia to California.

Most of the raids hit at interstate bookmaking operations. However, lottery operations were raided in some areas. —AP.

POISON BULLETS

Guernsey, Apr. 27. Poison bullets were among about three hundred-weight of live German ammunition found buried today in a field at Saint Saviour, Guernsey.

The World War II souvenir of the German occupation was unearthed by Royal Engineers sent from England to clear a field after some ammunition had been dug up by workmen. —China Mail Special.

Not guilty plea

Los Angeles, Apr. 27. Actress Greta Thyssen pleaded innocent today to a charge of disturbing the peace and asked for a jury trial to determine whether she attacked a police traffic officer on April 18.

The plea was entered by a lawyer for the curly Miss Thyssen.

Miss Thyssen claimed the officer, Gerald Jackson, tried to kiss her when she gave her a traffic ticket. The city attorney's office said, however, there was not sufficient evidence to support the claim. —AP.

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They fooled the 'phoney-sick'

ABOUT six people out of every ten who are fobbed off with a neutral pill by the doctor because they are not really ill, are convinced that it exerts a definite medical effect on them.

This has been revealed by the Graylingwell Hospital, Medical Research Council experiments to assess the value of coloured water, sugar pills, and other inactive "medicines" being dispensed by doctors on a growing scale. Dr Christopher Lucas and Mr J. B. Knowles gave pills made of milk-sugar to 59 healthy nurses and students at

TALKING POINTS

It costs more to revenge injuries than to bear them.

—BISHOP THOMAS WILSON.

In this world nothing is certain but death and taxes.

—BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

the Graylingwell Hospital, Chichester.

The "guinea pigs" were told that the pills were new drugs under test by the research department. When asked to list their effects, 89 per cent recorded definite symptoms. Many reported that the pill "tranquillised" them, making them feel relaxed and drowsy.

Others said it helped them in making them gay and devil-may-care.

Some complained it made them thick-headed, confusing their thinking and blurring their vision.

"One nurse complained of extreme nausea and developed a marked pallor," reports Dr Lucas. "A student complained of pain on the top of his head radiating to his face and lower jaw."

These findings suggest that "placebos," as these phoney medicines are called, are of definite psychological value in the treatment of minor ailments.

(London Express Service).



"Hey, boy—can you ride a bike?"

London Express Service



No toy dogs for the Douglas-Homes... a man's dog and still a man's friend by the looks of things here.

THIS WEEK A PROVOCATIVE GUEST WRITER...

My Pets

by ROBIN DOUGLAS-HOME

Are women spoiling dogs?

"A MAN and his dog" once used to be an accepted relationship—a prerogative of the male.

But a dangerous trend is afoot, a trend that not only threatens to undermine the already dwindling authority of us men, but seems to bode ill for the dog world too.

Since 1950 dog licences in Britain have dropped by 13 per cent. And during the last three years this drop has accelerated slightly.

But there is a trend within a trend here—with smaller, more closely packed houses and the difficulties of feeding, large dogs have been ousted from popularity and numerical superiority by their smaller, less masculine cousins.

Odious

What self-respecting man would dare be seen with one of that odious trio at his heels? So now it seems to be "A woman and her dog..."

This is clearly a bad thing. Women not only like odd dogs for odd reasons. They do all the wrong things with them.

They over-indulge them with pampering attention, feed them with chocolates, kiss them, coo at them in a ridiculous falsetto—in fact treat them like toys.

Worst of all, they become far bigger bores about their dogs than men ever do.

A man and his dog have a deeper, more dignified relationship. He treats his dog as a comrade, a know-

ledgeable confidant, a n gical convergence takes place. I have a Labrador and a collie and am assured that, given a nice long tail, I could safely enter the Crufts show-ring as either. Pick a good-looking dog and you're all set.

He discusses politics, the weather, and the garden with Fido. Because Fido knows, wags, and understands. Master is always right.

When I used, in childhood days, to tell my mother that the only person I liked was my dog, I merely got a crisp, "That's only because he can't answer you back." She didn't understand.

The names women give their dogs too. Twinkie, Powder-puff, etc. I suppose some of the more effeminate ones don't mind, but imagine a decent-minded dog's embarrassment during all that smiling business at having to confess to a name like Twinkie.

Warning

After all, it was a Frenchwoman (and they should know) who once said: "The more I see of men, the better I like dogs." Harsh words, but worth digesting.

No doubt the day is not far off when women discover the secret and start looking like their pugs, poodles, and Pekes. Then we'll be in a right mess, won't we?

Tragedy

I felt so sorry for Gilbert Harding's late dog, because (a) it had had the misfortune to have been born a Pekingese and (b) it had been named Shampoo.

Men have another lead over women—they have mastered the art of growing to look like their dogs. A sort of mutual physiolo-

Four to film the route of Alexander the Great

FOUR students—three from the London School of Economics—set out with a camera, tape recorder and notebooks early in July on a 22,000-mile expedition to trace the route taken by Alexander the Great on his journey from Greece to India.

Starting from Constantinople they expect it will take them about 80 days to make the trip.

"We think that the whole venture will cost us about HK\$50,000," said Mr Moore, "of which about one-fifth will go into making a colour film and sound track."

So far we have approached a number of embassies through whose countries we will pass and they have shown great interest and willingness to help.

Unlike Alexander, the students will not go to Egypt from Turkey, but will move straight across country to Iran and "recapture" the known route at Teheran. On the way back from Delhi they hope to cover the Egyptian part of Alexander's journey and so have a complete record of every section.

(London Express Service).

Just Fancy That!

RUSH-HOUR crowds stared when a man dressed in pink pyjamas and dressing gown walked up to the ticket office at London Bridge station.

He bought a "single" for Gravesend and calmly boarded a train.

Up came an inspector and a team of police to coax him off the train into a station office.

There it was found that he had walked out of nearby Guy's Hospital, where he was recovering from a leg operation. He was taken back.

FOREIGN OFFICE spokesman Mr John Price was asked at a news conference about a Washington report that Chinese-speaking American diplomats coming to London would talk in Chinese to their British opposite numbers.

Reply in Chinese by Mr Price: "Warman mayer egin." The translation had a familiar sound: "No comment."

RAIDERS took over the U.S. Air Force base at Bushey Park, near Kingston-on-Thames. They disarmed the guards, who backed against a wall with their hands up. In 10 minutes the 11 raiders occupied the camp and "dislocated its telephone system."

The black-faced raiders, "armed" with only thunder-flashes, were from the crack, Inns of Court Territorial Regiment. After the "security check" joke, a senior American officer told them: "My men are a trigger-happy bunch with orders to shoot. Good job for you they didn't."

BUTCH is just four years old. He has been smoking since he was six months old—about four cigarettes a day. The other day he was smoking in the car of timber merchant Ralph Spencer.

And he caused such a sensation that there was nearly a traffic jam.

Now Mr Spencer has decided there must be no more smoking in the car for Butch—his cross-bred Labrador who started smoking when he was given a cigarette as a joke.

UNDERSEA ARMY WILL TRAVEL BY 'TAXI'

AN under-water "taxi" has been invented by a Detroit University student, the son of a U.S. army engineer, who believes that military bases of the future will be built on the ocean floor, where they will be hidden from probing satellites.

Military scientists who have studied designs of 23-year-old Charles Meldrum's self-propelled submarine car are inclined to agree with his predictions.

Other marine experts believe the vehicle can be put to peacetime use for travel to under-water construction jobs, as well as in patrol, salvage and research work.

Meldrum began developing his underwater craft after reading stories

of the dangers faced by wartime demolition teams.

The answer came to him while skin diving off the coast of California, when he noticed the extraordinary manoeuvrability of the manta ray. He speared one and dissected it, then used its 8 ft. skeleton structure as the basis of his craft.

The "underwater mule," as Meldrum calls it, will be capable of travelling at 18 miles an hour on electric motors that leave no trail.

Men wearing standard skin diving equipment will operate the vehicle from a lying position. The craft will be able to carry 1,100 lb., and has a ballast system that will allow it to be moored at any depth.



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WOMANSENSE

GET-UP-AND-GO GIRLS!



WHAT'S NEW

A NEW electric shaver incorporated a principle never before used in women's shavers — an adjustable shaving head. With the flick of a switch on the front and back panels, roller combs are raised for the gentle underarm shave or lowered for close, safe shaving action on legs. (Lady Remington).

Demitasse Punch

FOR holiday hospitality, serve coffee and cognac punch. Heat 1 cup cognac in chafin dish with 6 lumps sugar, 1 stick cinnamon broken into bits, 8 cloves and 4 twists lemon peel. Add 4 cups strong black coffee.

Tasty Fruit Dessert

RAISIN banana whip is a good dessert to follow a heavy meal. Pour boiling water over 3/4 cup of light or dark raisins and let stand five minutes. Drain and chop. Whip 1 cup of whipping cream stiff and blend in 3 tablespoons of sugar, a few grains of salt, 1 teaspoon of vanilla, 3 medium bananas, sliced, raisins and 1/2 cup of sliced almonds. Chill but do not freeze. Serve plain or with a warm chocolate sundae sauce to six.

Diet Snack

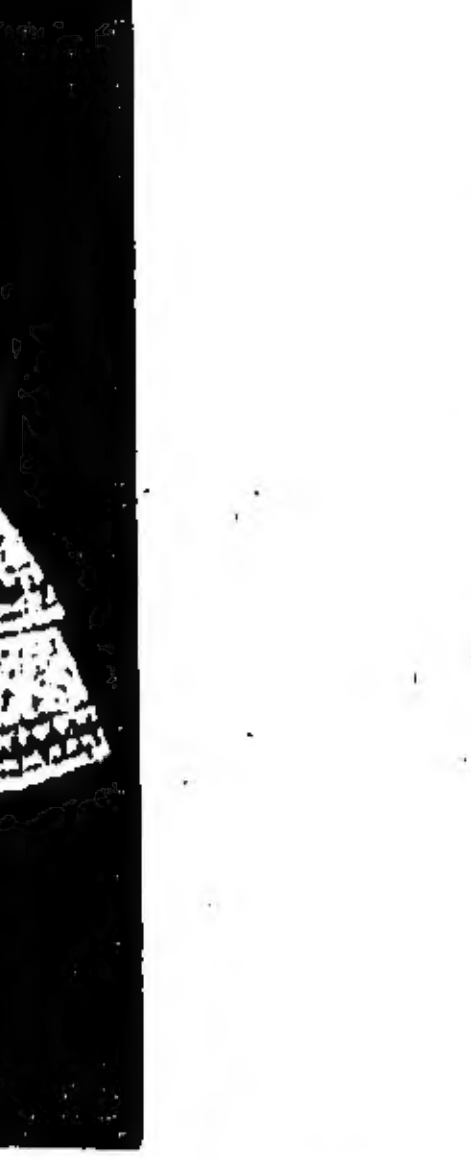
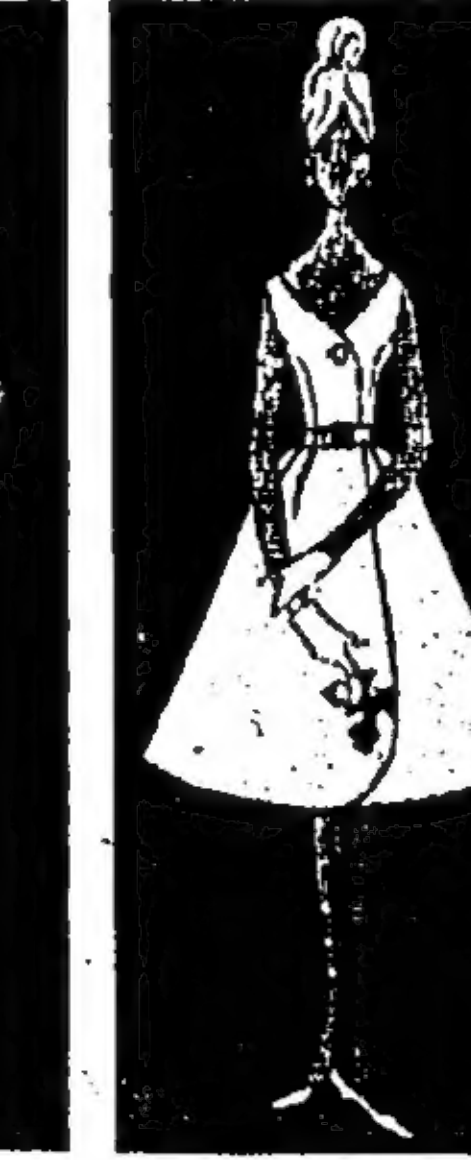
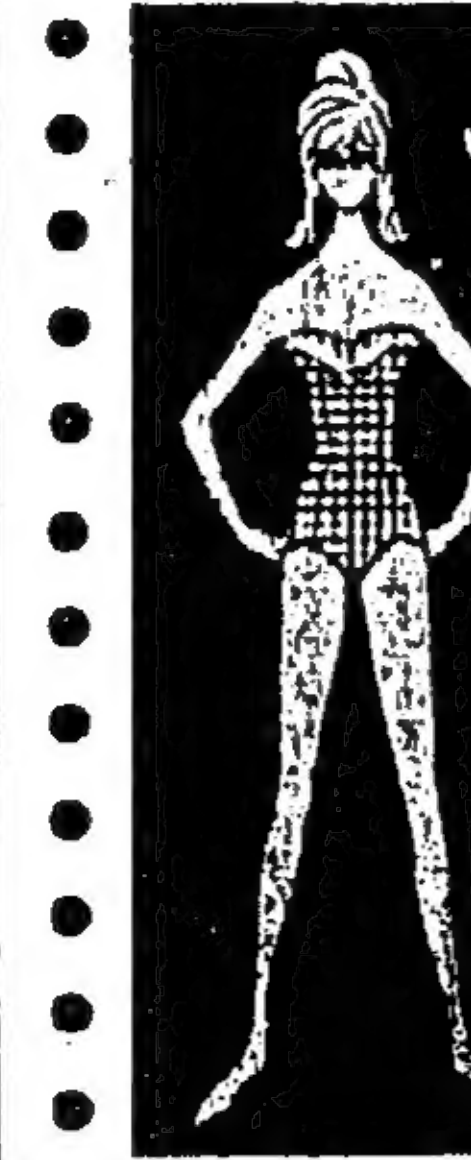
COTTAGE cheese snacks make a dieting pleasure. To make 2 cups of spread, mix 2 cups of cottage cheese with 1/2 cup of sweet pickle relish, 1/4 cup of chopped parsley, and 1 teaspoon each of onion salt and prepared mustard. Serve as spread on crisp rye wafers.

Make Your Dressing

CALORIE-COUNTING is a pleasure with this low-calorie tomato French dressing. In a pint jar, combine one 6-ounce can of hawed undiluted grapefruit juice, 1/2 cup of tomato catsup, 1/2 cup of salad oil and 1/4 teaspoon each of salt and red pepper sauce. Shake until blended. Store in refrigerator. This yields 1 1/2 cups of dressing with a calorie-count of 37 per tablespoon.

Peachy

LEFT-OVER canned peaches dress up coffee cake mix. Add 1/4 cup of well-drained chopped canned peaches, 1/2 cup of peach syrup, and 1 unbeaten egg to mix. Follow package directions for mixing. Top with cinnamon mixture in mix box and sprinkle with 2 tablespoons of flaked or shredded coconut. Bake according to package directions.



IF YOU ARE GOING BY LAND...

... car or coach ... wear something that will be as happy for a sight-seeing stop in town as for a picnic by the roadside. And remember a scarf or one of the new hoods for when the men insist on having the roof open (as they undoubtedly will when you've just had your hair set). Room is probably at a premium, so in choosing your clothes look for something that will take up a minimum.

SHIRT-NECKED dress in drip-dry. By Chanelle. With little, glenham hood. By Jeanette Norell.



STRIPED Jersey jacket. Worn here with a drip-dry pleated skirt (five colours). Both by St. Michael.

IF YOU ARE GOING BY SEA...

... you can be as informal as you like. But sharing a cabin means you'll be restricted for space and your companion won't care for a wash basin festooned with your drip-dry. Fortunately most passenger-carrying ships have laundry and dry-cleaning facilities. Remember to pack one really pretty evening dress for a board ship dances. And remember too that white's still the best colour to set off a sun tan.



WASHABLE suit of white linen and Terylene (four other colours too) has big high pockets and a loose tie belt. By Jager.

IF YOU ARE GOING BY AIR...

... it's best to wear something reasonably "towny" (for airports are usually adjacent to large, smart cities, and you look pretty silly killing a couple of hours in Rome in a sun suit). But choose something light, both in weight and colour. Lightness too is your air-packing essential. Remember your baggage allowance is only 44lb on main flights and on small charter planes it's often even less.

London Express Service.

LADY LUCK

your CHINA MAIL horoscope

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

AQUARIUS (9) (January 21-February 19): A romance which is based solely on physical attraction is not likely to ripen into a mature relationship.

PISCES (6) (February 20-March 20): Whatever course of action you may decide on today should have satisfactory results.

ARIES (12) (March 21-April 19): If you are aware of a neighbour's trouble within his own family, resist the temptation to elicit detailed information from him about it.

TAURUS (7) (April 20-May 20): After a heart-to-heart talk with a member of your family you will find that conditions will improve all round.

GEMINI (5) (May 21-June 21): You are fortunate in being able to get as much pleasure out of small things as others find in much more costly entertainment.

CANCER (8) (June 22-July 21): A direct approach to your superior will be much more effective than trying to pull strings behind his back.

LEO (4) (July 22-August 21): Working as hard as you do, you must not neglect your health. Make sure that you get sufficient exercise and a proper diet.

VIRGO (10) (August 22-September 22): An agreement awaiting your signature should be submitted to an expert in the field before you tie yourself down to a lasting obligation.

LIBRA (3) (September 23-October 22): Don't make too extravagant a gesture when purchasing a gift for a couple about to marry. It would only embarrass them.

SCORPIO (1) (October 23-November 21): You will feel much happier if you try to improve your relationship with a person with whom you have daily dealings.

SAGITTARIUS (11) (November 22-December 21): An act of unexpected kindness will prove to you that a mere acquaintance has the makings of a real friend.

CAPRICORN (2) (December 22-January 20): Try not to be too sensitive about careless remarks made by people who do not matter to you.

YOUR LUCKY NUMBER: Count the letters in your first name and add the total to the number shown in brackets after your sign of the Zodiac. This is your lucky number for today.

It's Dark in Paris

DARK glasses are morning, noon, and night wear in Paris.

Much as I share a fellow feeling for those who board the early buses darkly disguised (who in Paris has not known a "morning after"?), I find it hard to believe that so many have such need to shelter behind them when dusk is falling.

Incredibly the proprietress of one of my favourite little restaurants near the Palais Royale — a cellar restaurant dimly lit by candle-light — wears them!

And at the Lido, always a deliciously darkened night spot, I counted seven pairs.

Never before has there been such a variety in size, shape, and colour.

Could the frames provide a key to the character of the wearer?

Are they blunt in bamboo, aggressive in broad black plastic, shy in see-through, or corner frames, or slightly in iridescent butterfly wings mounted between Perspex?

Oddly enough, quite the smartest are giant frames, absolutely circular, in the Harold Lloyd manner. "Fait-mais" says the label.

North's jump to three notrump was a slight overbid. West opened the queen of spades and South went right up with dummy's king. He would have liked to hold up one lead but the heart suit was even more dangerous than the spade.

South promptly led the jack of clubs from dummy and East immediately had his moment of decision. Which saying should he follow?

It didn't take East long to see that there was nothing to gain by playing low. If West held the king or queen it would make later on. If West held four to the ten it behooved East to capture an honour with his ace.

So East played the ace and since West held those four clubs to the ten and the king of hearts South had to go down.

Answer Tomorrow

WHO uttered these pearls of wisdom on being a mother-in-law...

"Voice your opinion when asked and shut up like a good-natured clam, when nobody asks you. Don't claim any rights—because you have none. Be there when you are needed and disappear with no reproach when you are not needed."

Marlene Dietrich, mother-in-law extraordinary.

STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Only Hiawatha Knows

—Knarf And Teddy Are Stumped By A Wall—

By MAX TRELL

It was a very pleasant day. The birds were singing. The bees were humming.

Knarf, the Shadow Boy with the Turned-About Name, was walking in the park with his two favourite friends, Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, and Hiawatha, the Small-Sized Wooden Indian.

"I like this park," Teddy remarked to Knarf and Hiawatha as they were walking along, swinging their arms. "Look at all the trees. Look at all the bushes. Look, just look, at all the grass."

"Yes," agreed Knarf. "You certainly can see lots of trees and bushes and grass in the park."

Just then Hiawatha let out a sharp grunt.

Looked at Hi

Knarf and Teddy stopped to look at him.

"Why did you say that, Hi?" Teddy asked the Indian.

Hiawatha pointed with his thumb to a high stone wall that stood to one side of the path on which they were walking.

Hiawatha (and this is something that you ought to know) did as little talking as possible.

If pointing at something saved him some words, he always pointed. If nodding his head saved him the trouble of saying yes, he always nodded.

Can't see everything

"He means," said Knarf to Teddy, "that we really can't see everything in this park. We can't see over that wall. In that what you mean, Hiawatha?"

Hiawatha nodded.

"Well," said Teddy, "why don't we just climb to the top of the wall? Then we can see what's on the other side."

Knarf readily agreed that this was a wise plan. But Hiawatha just stood there shaking his head.

"He must be too tired to climb a wall," said Knarf. "Let's you and I climb it!" he said to Teddy.

Fell down

Teddy immediately made a dash for the wall. He managed to climb up an inch or two. Then he fell down.

"The trouble with you," said Knarf, "is that you're too fat. Fat Bears can't climb walls."

Teddy sighed and sat down next to Hiawatha.

Afraid to climb

But Knarf couldn't climb the wall, either. He was wearing his good clothes and was afraid he might tear them.

So all three friends sat down at the foot of the wall, and looked at each other and wondered what was on the other side. At least Knarf and Teddy wondered.

Did they find out? Of course they did. Hiawatha told them.

Later, He told them that what was on the other side was the street. The wall was the end of the park.

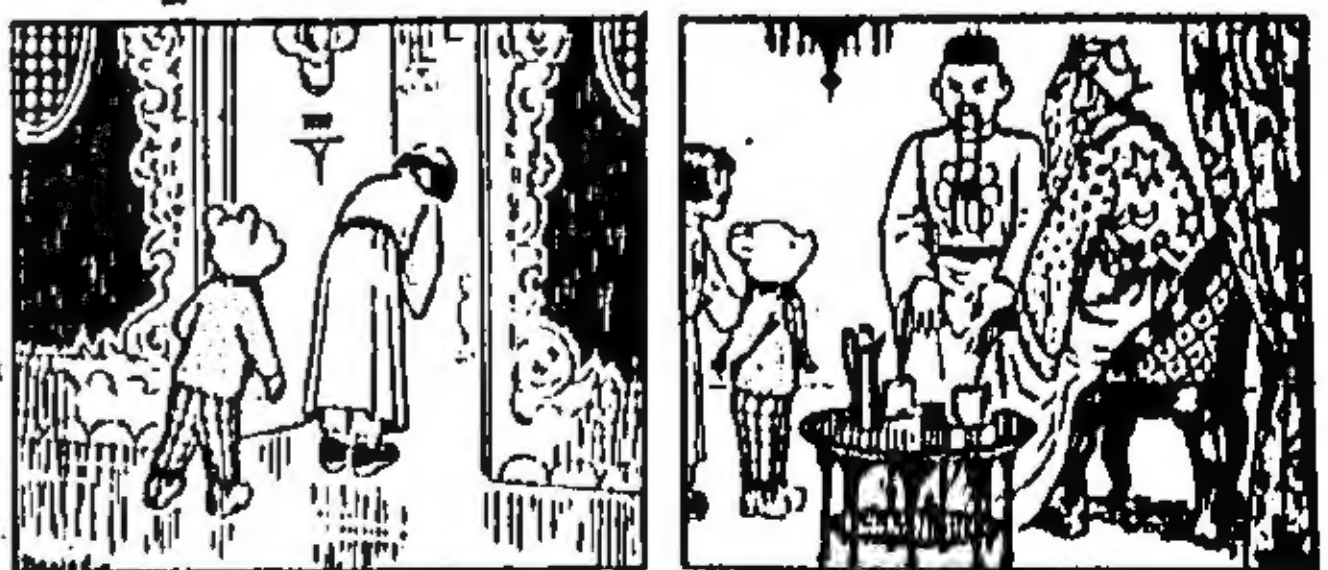
"And did you know that all the time, Hi?" Teddy asked. Hiawatha nodded.

He always nodded. Why should he bother to say yes when a nod meant the same thing?



"Fat Bears can't climb walls," Knarf told Teddy.

Rupert and the Snowstorm—9



As soon as their coats are hung up Tigerlily takes Rupert along a passage. "Sorrower come to see my Daddy about new and important magic," she whispers as she opens a door. Then she bows politely. "O, honourable Daddy, and most honourable visitor," she says.

"May we come in? I bring Rupert, little bear. He is trouble." "What again?" says the voice of the conjurer, and next moment Rupert finds himself facing Tigerlily's Daddy and another, grimmer, figure dressed in long, brilliantly coloured robes.

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THE BOXER WHO DREAMS OF A ROLLS

By ALAN HOBY

London, Apr. 27.

At the start of the second round the young Welsh welter-weight knew exactly what he had to do. As he slid from his stool, his boxing boots squeaking on the canvas, his mind burned with the words his famous brother had drummed into him:

"This is the real thing. Remember that other man in the ring stands between you and a fortune..."

Less than two minutes later Brian Curvis of Swansea — the boxer his Wales believe will be a world champion and a young man who has been married to the fight game since he was 11 — was back in his corner.

CRUNCHING LEFT

With one crunching left hook the Welshman, his face parched white under the blaze of floodlights, had crumpled his opponent, Harry Haydock, of British Guiana.

Although the Guianan struggled grimly to his feet at four, the referee took one look and stopped the fight.

That was Brian Curvis's first paid outing—made without fuss or fanfare for £100 at Wembley's Empire Pool 10 months ago.

Since then, managed and master-minded at every step by his brother, Cliff Curvis, the former champion, Brian, the ruthless has won 13 professional contests on the run.

£30,000 AIM

In 11 years and 213 fights, amateur and pro, Brian—an ex-A.B.A. champion—has never been knocked down and has lost only six.

Now, with the brainy Cliff "calling" the fights—the next one is at Vetch Field, Swansea, on May 10—Brian, who is chasing the British champion Wally Swift, can earn at least £30,000 in the years to come.

"Put it this way," said Cliff Curvis softly when I went to Swansea to talk to Cliff, Brian, and their trainer, Dickie Dobbs:—

"Boxing is full of corruption but all of us here are a team—a family. That's our strength and it's unshakable."

"There is Dickie who conditions Brian—superbly. There is Brian's mother at home who cooks his steaks and launders all his boxing kit. Nothing is too much for her."

"And there is myself. I decide who Brian fights, when he fights, and how he fights."

"I'm no Svengali. That's rubbish. But when he is in the ring I pace the fight round by round and I nip the other fellow's weaknesses."

IN THE BLOOD

"Of course, I'm only doing what Brian's father would have done if he were here."

"The old man was a boxer too. But his mother objected to prize-fighting and he used to fight secretly under another name."

"Later, he ran a gym in Swansea, which he subsidised for years out of his pocket-money. He worked in the docks, but wages were poor in those days, sometimes only 35 bob a week."

"But somehow, because he loved, and lived for, boxing, he kept that gym going. Many Welsh champions, and all the fight-mad youth of Swansea looked to it."

I turned to Brian Curvis, who was standing next to Cliff sipping a tomato juice as we chatted in the bar of a Swansea hotel.

"Don't you always obey your brother implicitly in boxing matters?" I asked.

"Always," said Brian—and his reply whipped back at me as flat and hard as one of his own left hooks.

Brian, whose real name is Nancycurvis—like Cliff he shortened it to "Curvis" when he began clouding for cash—went on:—

"Cliff has been through the mill. He was the champion once. He knows the ropes. I have confidence in him. As long as I know he is there when I'm boxing, I'm O.K."

Fighters, I have found, are like cars. Some are big brutes, all power and strength but with few refinements or niceties.

Others are all show and flashiness but with no guts under the bonnet.

But Brian who, curiously may be made out of wood or metal with a sharp metal point, falls into neither category.

He is watchful, wary—and intelligent. He can counter-



© Brian Curvis is the Welsh hope for a world title. He has never been knocked down.

punch to perfection or crowd on the punishment.

With his slanting Welsh eyes, he studies and stalks his opponents with cold implacability.

How does Brian compare with Cliff as a fighter?

"He is better," says Cliff emphatically. "I had seven fractures in my left hand before I was 20. I was washed-up although I still managed to win the title."

"But Brian—there's a killer. A southpaw like me, but one who can knock 'em out or play it smart."

RULES BROKEN

I said to Cliff: "You've been accused of breaking the rules with Brian..."

"Yes," Curvis major replied cheerfully. "A whole year before Brian left the amateurs we would travel the 100 miles to Cardiff four times a week so that he could get invaluable training with the professionals—men like Joe Emswiler and Phil Edwards."

"It cost us £200, we broke some local amateur rule, I believe, and at the start Brian got a bloody nose or a bloody mouth every night."

"During those first few months he was on a hiding to nothing. But he slowly got better and better and he never squealed or complained."

"If he had, I would never have let him turn pro, although the position was left entirely to him."

And the future?

"It all hangs on that highly personalised dream Brian has about motor cars."

HIS GAME

"It's really a sort of game I play," he told me with a grin. "I look through the car catalogues and pick the car I would buy each time I win a title."

"The Welsh championship? Well, that only rates an old box Austin. But if I win the British title that would be worth a Jaguar. And if ever I was lucky enough to win the world championship nothing would do."

Only too often Britain's lions of sport prove meek-and-mild lambs when a world title is at stake.

But I am still enough of an optimist to hope that Curvis Brothers Incorporated will reach the summit of their rough trade—and that when this happens Brian, Cliff, and indeed the whole Curvis clan, will ride in triumph through Swansea in a gleaming new Rolls-Royce...

(London Express Service.)

World's athletes are warned about Javelins

London, Apr. 27.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation today warned the world's athletes to leave controversial javelins behind them when they travel to Rome for this year's Olympic Games.

The IAAF said only internationally-recognised wood or steel javelins, meeting the rules laid down in the IAAF Rules handbook, would be allowed in Rome.

The statement came from the London headquarters of the IAAF to "relieve any misapprehension" among javelin throwers and also to forestall any possible rows during the games.

"The over growing number of varieties of javelin will be outlawed during the games, the statement said."

The IAAF pointed out that today's javelin is simply a re-affirmed decision taken a year ago. It was made at the request of a member association.

IAAF rules state a javelin may be made out of wood or metal with a sharp metal point. Its minimum weight is set at 800 grams (one pound 12½ ounces). The minimum length is 200 centimeters (8 feet 6½ inches) and the maximum length 270 centimeters (8 feet 10½ inches).

The cord grip must be at about the centre of gravity without thongs, notches or indentations.

An IAAF official said the officially recognised wooden javelin is known as the "Finnish type" and the steel one as the "Swedish type."

Cricket award

London, Apr. 27.

The South African cricketers were guests at a reception given by the Cricket Writers Club in London tonight when Geoffrey Pullar, the 24-year-old Lancashire and England left-hand batsman, received a trophy commemorating his award as the outstanding young cricketer of 1959—A.F.P.

FAMOUS SPORTS STARS—I HAVE MET

By ARCHIE QUICK

With his squashed broken nose, Sam Russell could not be taken for anyone but a pugilist.

In his youth he was a good class featherweight boxer without ever aspiring to a championship. He was a good second, a good manager, but best of all he was a good referee. Benny Angle, Eugene Corri, Moss Deyong, and the best of the present day bunch—Andrew Smyth—I have seen them all officiate, but I consider Russell was superior to them all.

He had the complete confidence of the two boxes in the ring, he was always authoritative, yet he was unobtrusive in his work. Now Sam is dead, at the age of seventy.

He started as a Covent Garden market porter, but he lived all his life east of Aldgate Pump in Stepney, and, although he gave so much time to boxing, his real love was the turf. He loved to go racing and was a big gambler.

I first met up with him in the South Wales town of Aberdare exactly a quarter of a century ago. He was down there managing his fighter Eddie Phillips, the Adonis from Bow. They were weighing-in for that evening's fight with Tommy Farr for the British cruiserweight championship. I was the only London Pressman there, and, after the scales had been passed, I sat down to lunch with the two of them. Phillips, after making 12 st. 7½, tucked into steak and all that goes with it. He had to build up strength in the few hours before the fight.

But to my astonishment Sam Russell had an even bigger appetite, and I remember so well that after he had demolished a whole rice pudding he called for another one!

BRITISH TITLE

Phillips had two previous victories over Farr—one a points decision at the old Holborn Stadium of well-loved memory, a year before, and a win on a disqualification in three rounds at Wondersworth Dog Track six months previously.

And before thousands of screaming Welsh partisans in the

Market Hall of Mountain Ash, just over Dowlais hill from Aberdare, Phillips duly completed the "hat trick" and took the British title which had been relinquished by Len Harvey a few months before. Harvey had won the title by outpointing the same Phillips at Olympia a few months before, but I shall always contend that the beautifully-built Eddie could have been world champion if he had had his heart in the game.

Anyhow, it was a happy trio—Sam Russell, Eddie Phillips and I—who went by road down the Rhondda Valley through Pontypridd and Treodrhilw, only to reach Cardiff five minutes after the night train to London had left.

I too had had trouble getting my "phoned round-by-round" account through to Fleet Street because of the stormy Welsh Press scene. But Sam was a very proud man when we got back to Paddington—and a real welcome from an East London reception committee, some of whom had waited all night to honour the new champion. Even so, I am prepared to wager that at the back of Sam Russell's mind was the thought of which horse was likely to win the 2.30!

—Banews Service.

Sports Diary

TO-DAY
Meeting, Education Dept., 5.30 p.m.
Hongkong Chinese Football Association meeting, C.A.F. Bldg., 6 p.m.

TO-MORROW
Boxing
1950 Colony championships at Southern Playground, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY
Race
12th Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY
Soccer
I.K. School Sports Association Inter-school Football (evening-side knock-out competition) at Happy Valley, 9.30 a.m.

The South China girls will dominate local softball for a long time to come

By OLLY VAS

The South China AA girls were the unanimous choice of the fans and the Press contributors to retain the championship which they won last year and win it in a manner reminiscent of the days when the Wahos and the Wildcats dominated the ladies' softball scene.

That there were four other teams in opposition was only incidental. Two rounds of four games each were played off and the Carolinas breezed through the night games league without sustaining a single loss. In fact they were the only softball side to do so in the three divisions.

The statistics throw a great deal of light on why SCAA won so easily. The Nam Wah girls scored 104 runs in only six matches of which two went only part of the way as the plate umpires mercifully called a halt to the proceedings.

They had only 11 runs tallied against them. The inescapable conclusion is that the champions were superior in all departments of the game, which most fans will willingly concede. They were streets ahead of the other teams in batting, fielding and pitching and mind you they did not even require the services of stalwart Yim Lai-chung who pitched them to their previous championship.

The only non-Chinese girl in the team, Carmen Matos had a fine season in the infield and "clicked" with the rest of the side. Of course SCAA's record included two forfeits when their opponents failed to show up either through failure to raise a team or even conceivably because they were over-awed.

MVP TITLE

Pitcher Olive Yuen and infielder Lam Chow-yut up for the three nominees for the MVP title. Yuen touched her best form this season and Lam played steady ball throughout to earn the Press nominations in the voting among players, now in full swing.

I have heard it expressed more than once that SCAA will

stay on top for a long while to come—an opinion with which I heartily agree considering the poor standard of play dashed out by the other teams this season.

The Matadors did well enough to end up in the runners-up position losing three out of eight games, twice to the champions and once to the third-placed Toreros who upset them 8-6.

The experience gained by Annabelle Chin during last year's Taiwan tour helped her to turn in some fine pitching performances for her side. Whatever she may lack in speed is compensated by good ball control and keenness. The team is built around her pitching and she did not let them down. There are some promising players in the side whose potentialities need to be developed.

The Matadors play with great determination and it is safe to predict a bright future in the game for them.

SUSPENDED

The Toreros played one of their best games last year when they edged the Matadors 8-6. They also showed fine form in trouncing the Squaws 20-0 but later on in the season they played indifferently. Anne Tiu was the best player on view.

Though the Cheyennes produced an MVP nominee Evelyn Cotton there wasn't a single player of note in the line-up. If they had acquired the services of Frances da Silva, two-time MVP winner they might have put up a different show altogether. As it was they had no

pitching strength and while some girls regularly turned up for league matches others were bitten by the truncheon bug.

The team was suspended in March 1960 at the conclusion of the league for not adhering to the playing schedule.

The winless Squaws were also suspended for giving one walk-over too many. They were keen as mustard in the beginning but one cannot go on absorbing shelling-shells all the time without having second thoughts about the wisdom of turning up to play ball on weekends. They were a terribly inexperienced side and the spectators in the stands were not slow in noticing this.

The Squaws were given a rough time right from the start, both the fans and the opposition. During the entire season only one game failed to reach double-figure scores. Seven went only five short innings.

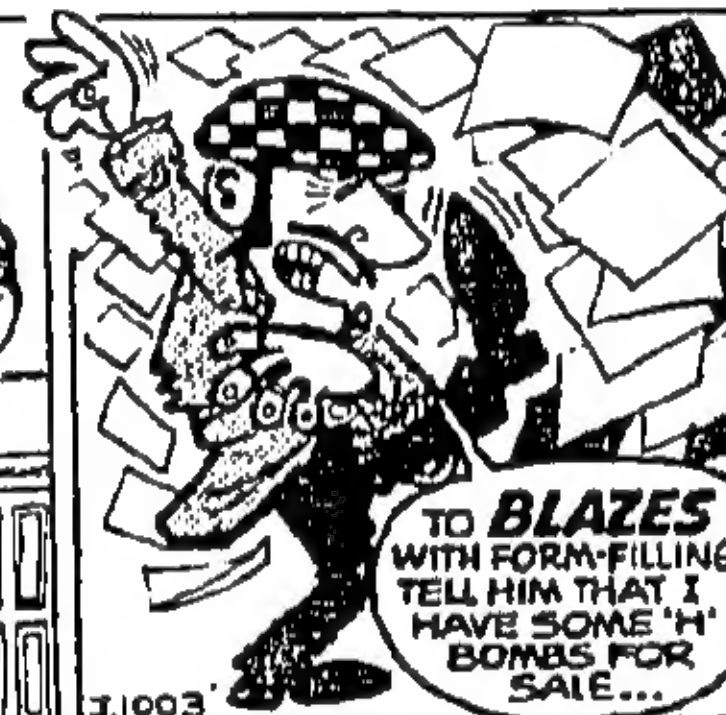
The standard of play left much to be desired and it took a 1-0 victory over Tao Kong (Taiwan) on the part of SCAA to convince the fans that the season was not a complete wash-out altogether.

We have to face facts and the truth is that apart from a mere handful of players from the other teams, SCAA excepted, we have little playing talent currently available.

The local girls' standard of softball is no comparison with that of the Taiwan girls. Only when one of our teams, ANY team, can decisively beat the visitors on our own home ground can they afford to be complacent about our playing standard.

Four D. Jones

By MADDOCKS



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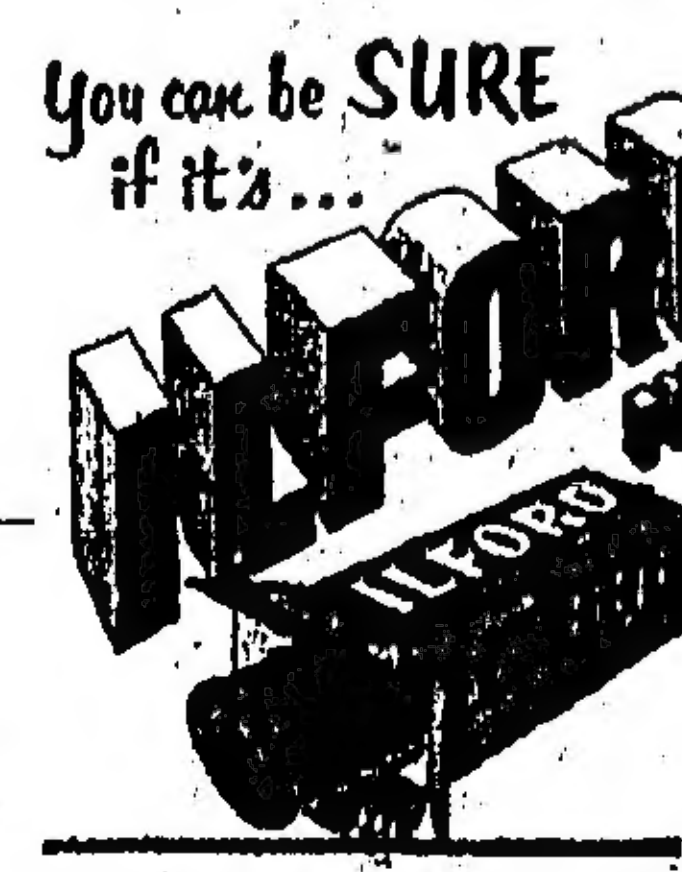
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AVAILABLE AT ALL GOOD STORES.

Squabble over water: Dogs join in and four are hurt

Four men came to blows in a quarrel over water. They and many others were queuing up to carry water from a supply point on Diamond Hill yesterday.

The argument developed into a fight with carrier poles and the molce excited the dogs in the vicinity.

The animals joined in the scrap too. All four men sustained injuries.

Three of them, Lau Kay, 32, Yim Yuk-mong, 31, and Yim Mo-sai, 41, had their heads in bandages when they came before Mr. P. F. X. Leonard of Kowloon Court.

They were charged with behaving in a disorderly manner by fighting. They admitted the charge and were each bound over at \$500 for 12 months.

The fourth man, Wong Mo, 40, who sustained injuries of a more serious nature, was now confined in Kowloon Hospital. He was suffering from cuts on the head and dog bites in his legs.

Later in the morning, the Magistrate, together with a Court Inspector, Mr. I. W. Elias, went to the hospital and remanded Wong Mo for seven days, as he was lying in his hospital bed.

Boy denies arming himself with flick knife

A 13-year-old boy on trial for alleged murder denied at the Criminal Sessions this morning he had deliberately taken out a flick knife to arm himself for a fight after he had had a quarrel with two other boys.

He also denied that he had fully intended to use the knife even though the two boys had "no weapons other than bare fists."

The boy was cross-examined by Crown Counsel Simon Li on his movements and encounter with 16-year-old Ng Siu-ching when he was alleged to have murdered with the flick knife in Hungnam on February 1. He pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Accused said he challenged Ng and Chung Wai-on to a fight outside the bicycle shop because he could then have an opportunity of running away from them when they were not taking any notice.

Ran away

He said when Ng went into the shop, he ran away.

When he was in the middle of the street, he turned round and saw Ng running after him. "I tried to run away from him but he caught up with me."

Describing the encounter, accused demonstrated how Ng delivered a blow at him with an iron file.

Don't agree

Mr. Li: "I put it to you that when you challenged them to a fight, you meant to have a fight and not to scare them."

Accused: "I do not agree."

Hearing before Mr. Justice K. H. Macfay is continuing.

The accused is represented by Mr. A. Zimmerman, instructed by Messrs. Hastings and Co.

Ship held for car damages

Toronto, Apr. 27.

The Swedish freighter *Rigoletto* was arrested minutes after it docked in Toronto harbour on a warrant taken out by Volkswagen Canada Limited claiming \$5,210 damages to cars brought to Canada on three previous shipments.

A warrant was nailed to the door of Captain Ulf Hermanson, the ship's skipper.

The captain commented: "I wasn't captain last year when the damage is said to have occurred. I don't know anything about it. I've never heard of a ship being arrested before."

The ship will be held until its agent puts up a bond covering the damage.—AP.

MACAO NEWS

Macao, Apr. 28.

The former British consul in Macao, Mr. Alexander W. R. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor left yesterday afternoon for Hongkong on their way to the U.K.

Mr. Taylor who is due for retirement, is succeeded by Mr. Richard Harold Fawcett Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Smith arrived in the colony last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor had a very warm send off. Besides the staff of the British Consulate, the A.D.C., Captain Anjos de Carvalho, representing the Officer Administering the Government, Mr. Carlos Cordeiro, and many of the British Consul's friends were seen at the pier.

Major J. Serzedelo Coelho, the Chief of Staff, is leaving for Lisbon tomorrow, for re-assignment.

Major and Mrs. Serzedelo Coelho were entertained at a farewell dinner party by the Officer Administering the Government and Mrs. C. Cordeiro, at Santa Sancha residence last night.

On an unofficial visit to this city is Rev. Agostino Cacelavilan, a diplomatic representative of the Vatican, who arrived here last night.

An official of the Parcel Post Department of the Post Office revealed today that it had decided to accept parcels containing foodstuffs and other goods which can deteriorate, and addressed to China mainland, only when it comes in its containers.

This decision came because many parcels were returned here from China, three months after the date they were sent from the local Post Office.

During this rather long period many edibles had deteriorated and could have damaged other mails and parcels.

At least 50 per cent of the parcels have been returned from China recently.

The District Administration is taking a counting of all the Chinese refugees who, since 1945, have taken residence in Macao or are provisionally domiciled in Macao.

This counting will serve as a pilot census for the official statistics of the people living in Macao, which will be taken later this year.

Macao Population census is taken every ten years by the statistical bureau. The last one taken in 1950 shows that it had a population of about 200,000.—AP.

Everyone's wedding

Your latest comment on "Everyone's Wedding" (China Mail, 28.4.60) was certainly very timely. It is about time people should realise that weddings are personal things, even though the bride has the fortune (or misfortune) to be a princess.

But I do not agree with your last paragraph regarding the so-called Hongkong's Wedding Gift. Let us not confuse the issue. The recent public outcry is not against the amount of money, nor how the money is to be spent. After all \$50,000 is but a drop in the ocean when compared with this year's budget of nearly \$550 million.

The main opposition is against the manner in which this sum was voted upon by our lawmakers. Let us not forget that our legislators are but the legal custodian of public funds. Theirs is the duty to see to it that (our) public funds are used to the best advantage of the community as a whole. The question is: was it within their legal authority to vote for a sum of money (the amount is irrelevant) to be used as a gift (the receiver is again irrelevant)?

Furthermore, since our legislators are only appointed, how can the gift be considered as coming from the people of Hongkong? Regarding the gift itself, coming as it does from Hongkong's public funds, and decided upon by the few members of the Legislative Council which cannot be said to be truly representative of the people of Hongkong, would it not bring embarrassment to the receiver in the sense that maybe she was only "remembered" by the officialdom of Hongkong, but neglected by its population?

Surely, if Hongkong wishes to really present a worthwhile wedding gift to the university, the best way is to raise funds by popular subscription. And from what I can gather from the trend of letters in the local papers, the amount raised may even be more than the \$50,000 voted for by the Legislative Council.

This is a glaring example of how much our lawmakers are out of touch with the ordinary people.

PETER C. Y. LEE.

Wedding gift

Here is a suggestion for the wedding gift for Princess Margaret. Instead of \$50,000 from public funds the government should take \$100,000 and present it to the fight against tuberculosis in the name of Princess Margaret and her husband. Fifty people die every week from tuberculosis in the colony and the fact that her contribution might help to save even one life would probably be the best gift she receives from anywhere.

MARVIN PARKAS.

Day off for Monty's boys

Hamilton, Ont., Apr. 27.

Field Marshall Viscount Montgomery toured the Viscount Montgomery Public School today and endured himself to the 700 pupils by getting them the afternoon off.

He announced the afternoon holiday after checking with school officials.—AP.

Asked for \$90 change —then vanished

Chen Hon-kwong, 52-year-old restaurant fooki appeared before Mr. P. F. X. Leonard at Kowloon Court this morning on two counts of embezzlement and one charge of obtaining money by false pretences.

He pleaded guilty.

Sub-Inspector I. W. Elias said that defendant was employed by the Wu Ming Yuen Restaurant at Castle Peak, Kowloon, at \$70 a month plus food and lodging.

He was employed on March 1. On March 29, he was sent by his employer to take food to a ship-yard.

He delivered the food and collected \$50.

He returned to the restaurant and told the employer that he had not collected the money.

A big note

On the next day, defendant similarly collected \$300.

In respect of the third charge, defendant told his employer that one of the customers handed him a \$100 note and that he needed \$90 as change.

He was given the \$90 but absconded with the money.

A report was made to police and he was arrested last Tuesday.

The Magistrate remanded the defendant six days, pending a report from the Social Welfare Officer.

JAILED FOR HAVING DRUGS

A 30-year-old broker, Li Shek-chi, of 6 Sal Street, third floor, was given three years imprisonment by Judge W. F. Pickering in the Victoria District Court this morning for possession of dangerous drugs.

He pleaded guilty.

A party of police went to his cubicle on April 5, and found three pounds 11 ounces of barbitone and 15 grammes of heroin salt, valued at \$280, Chief Inspector C. L. Smith said.

17-YEAR-OLD GIRL STOLE 3 WATCHES

Three little girls, their ages ranging from 10 to 12, had their watches taken from them by a 17-year-old girl, Leo Yuk-chan, who told them that it was unsafe for little girls to wear watches, Mr. K. A. S. Phillips at Central Court was told this morning.

Three marbles and a piece of wood

For stealing three marbles and a piece of wood, a 23-year-old cook, foodstuff fooki was sentenced to two and a half years' imprisonment today.

At the Victoria District Court, Judge W. F. Pickering sentenced the man this morning for stealing a purse containing these articles.

Passing sentence, Judge Pickering said the value of the property stolen was trivial. "But you did not know what you were going to find," he went on. "It was a very mean act to take it from a six-year-old girl."

Magistrate's advice to prosecutors

In a judgment given by Mr. I. T. Morris at Central Court this morning in which an Army driver, Cheung Ken, was acquitted on a charge of careless driving, he commented that prosecutors who do not take elementary precautions when preparing their cases cannot complain if defendants take what was sometimes called "technical objections".

Evidence was given by complainants, Leung To and Chow Wing, who said that on January 31, at Kennedy Road, they were knocked down by an Army lorry driven by Cheung.

They said that the lorry was driven at a high speed and neither was warning given by horn nor were brakes applied to avert the accident.

Mr. Morris said in dismissing the charge that there was very little evidence to suggest carelessness on the part of Cheung.

"Neither the driver nor the vehicle concerned have been properly identified," he said.

Observations

"I cannot close this case without making some observations which may, I trust, be of service to the police," he continued.

"If prosecutors do not take elementary precautions when preparing their cases they cannot complain if defendants take what is sometimes called 'technical objections' nor can they complain if the Court orders them in certain cases even to pay the costs of the defendant whose case has been dismissed," he said.

"Furthermore, if police officers are to discharge their duty of efficiency which the public have the right to expect of them they must acquire some knowledge of the rules of evidence and procedure," he added.

Cheung was represented by Mr. Holland-Roberts of Hadfield and Co. Inspector Tang Wei-poon prosecuted.

Death of Chinese artist

A woman artist and onetime film actress died on her way to hospital after fainting at her home in Kai Yuen Terrace, North Point, yesterday afternoon.

Ho Chi-kuen, 27, had won acclaim as a Chinese brush painter of birds, flowers, and landscapes.

She had held an exhibition at the St. John's Cathedral hall towards the end of last year.

Mrs. Ho came from Macao where she studied at St. Rosa School.

She married about eight years ago but her husband later died in Hongkong. They had a son.

Mrs. Ho had appeared in Cantonese films.

New peak road on Cheung Chau Island

The District Commissioner, New Territories, Mr. A. St. G. Walton, opened the new access road to Cheung Chau Peak and the Sai Wan pier on Cheung Chau Island this morning.

Japanese to join HK in textile venture

A new woollen textile mill, a Hongkong-Japan joint enterprise, will come into operation later this year, an industrialist disclosed today.

Designed primarily for production of woollen vests and cardigans, the new plant will be put up by Japanese and Hongkong merchants each providing half the capital.

Technically, it will be under Japanese management.

To start with, the factory will be equipped with 36 looms with the possibility of immediate expansion if the experimental stage is successful.

Quota

The Japanese party, it was learned, is a trading company, exporting Japanese woollen products to America.

It was thought that this was an outcome of the limited quota on Japanese export of woollen goods to America.

The new plant will not only facilitate export of woollen products to America but also take advantage of the Imperial preference system for exports to U.K.

The Japanese have invested in Hongkong cotton mills, steel works, radio assembling factory and department store business.

This is the first time the Japanese merchants have branched into woollen textiles in Hongkong.

Gate-crashed De Gaulle's dinner party

New York, Apr. 27.

A 31-year-old man who gate-crashed the dinner party for French President De Gaulle at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel here last night, was ordered held for trial on \$500 bail today.

The prisoner, who identified himself as Alvin Elton Klein, a New Yorker, was spotted in a heavily-guarded ballroom of the hotel by two detectives who were attracted by his rumpled suit. All invited guests were in formal attire.

Klein was booked at a police station on charges of possession of burglar tools when, hustled out of the dinner and searched, he was found to be carrying an old special policeman's badge, a beer can opener and a broken knife-blade.

Police records showed he had a history of previous arrests for vagrancy and petty larceny.—AP.

From the Files 25 years AGO

April, 1935

FOLLOWING the first portion of the trail blazed by Kingsford-Smith on his epic flight in May, 1928, the giant Pan American Sikorsky "Oriental Clipper" safely crossed the 2,415-miles between San Francisco, experimentally bridging the first gap on the proposed route from California and China.

When the machine left San Francisco it was loaded with 5,000 gallons of gasoline, 10,000 lbs of air-mail, two tons of equipment and a crew of five.

The four 600-horse power engines carried the air liner steadily towards her destination—Hawaii—guided by radio beacons in less than 17 hours.

When work on the air bases at Midway and Wake Islands is completed by workmen already there, the machine will make further experimental flights that will bring her to China.

The speaker at tomorrow's meeting of the Hongkong Rotary Club will be the Hon. J. P. Braga who will take as his subject "The New Territories, their history and development".

A TERRIBLE earthquake early yesterday morning has spread death and destruction through south-west Formosa.

The centre of the devastated area is less than 500 miles from Hongkong and is the most thickly populated part of Formosa.

Communication has been entirely cut off and only late last night was it restored by short wave emergency radio apparatus.

According to preliminary reports slowly filtering through from the area stricken by the earthquake, the Japanese police officially record a death toll of 2,350. In addition 5,402 have been injured and almost 10,000 homes wrecked.

Extract from the SCM Post's 25 Years Ago column: "At the instigation of influential citizens of Hongkong, the following letter to the Colonial Secretary is now being largely signed: 'Sir, we, the undersigned residents, having considered the reasons put forward in the Legislative Council in favour of the proposal to sell the plot of land situated on the sea front to the north of the new Law Courts, respectfully urge upon Government that it should be devoted instead to public purposes. Copies of the foregoing may be signed at Kelly and Walsh Ltd, the South China Morning Post Ltd, and elsewhere.'

This funny world



"I'm not too happy with that new man."

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